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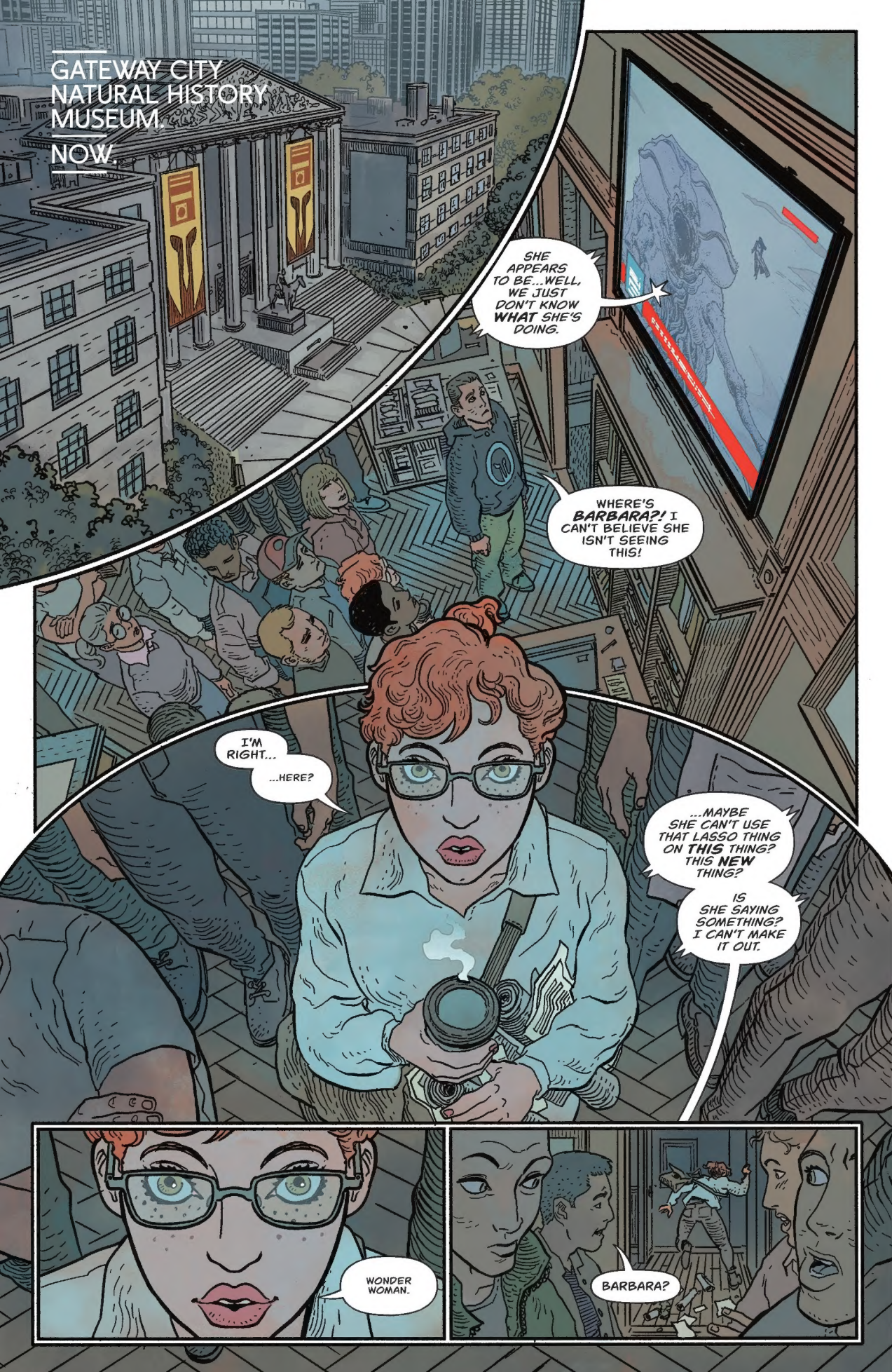
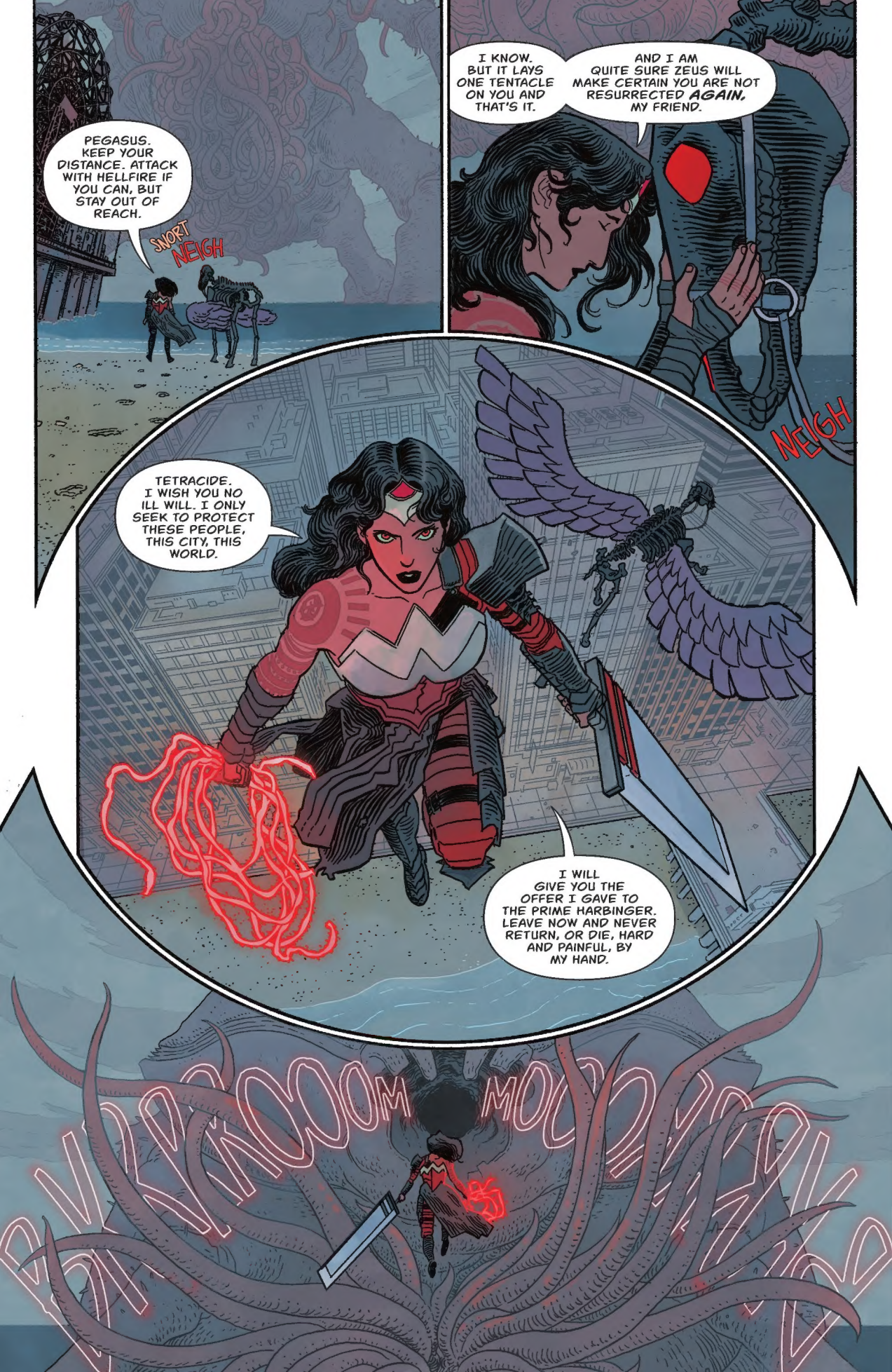
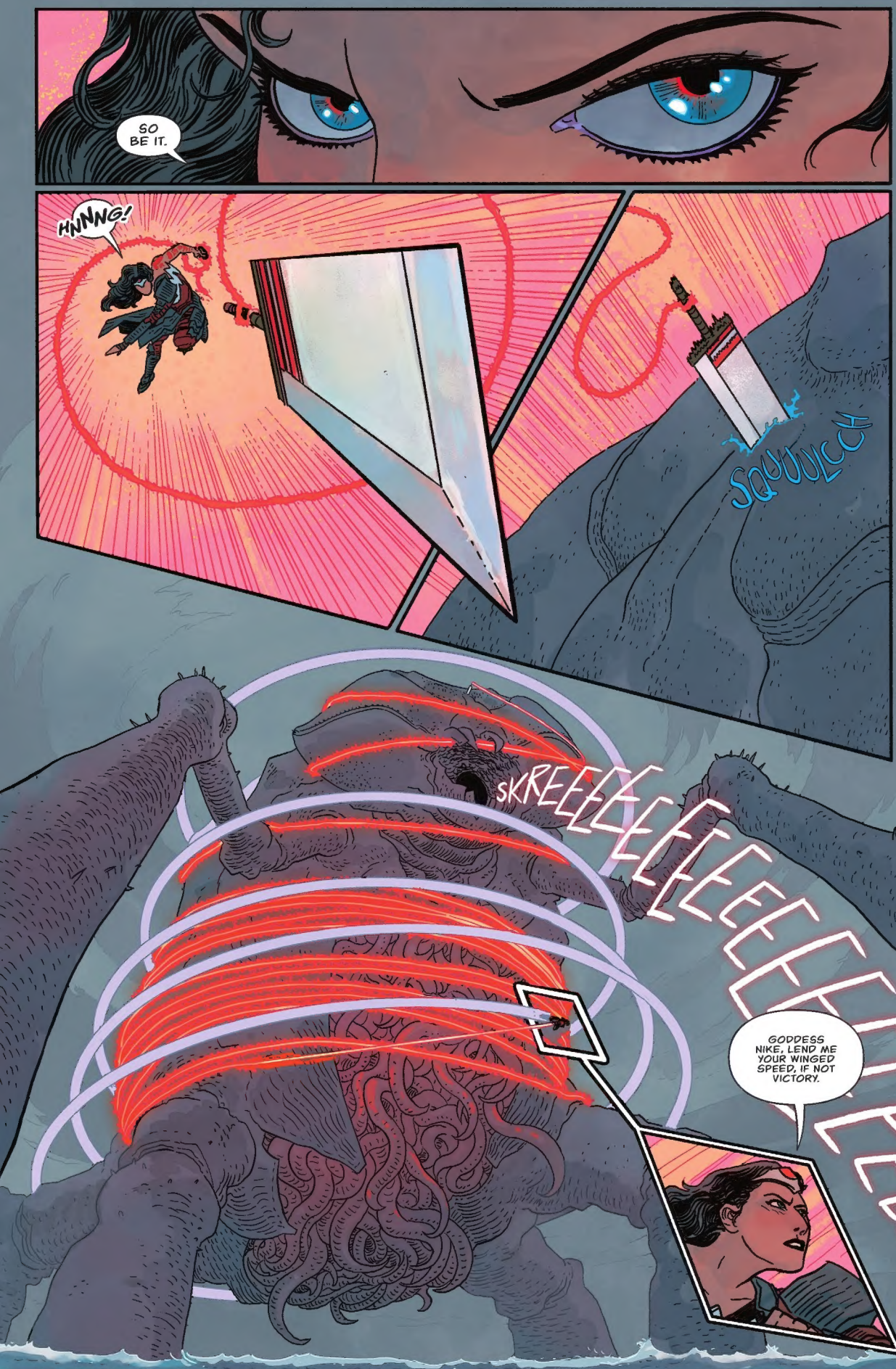

GATEWAY CITY NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.
NOW.
SHE APPEARS TO BE...WELL, WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING.
WHERE'S BARBARA?! I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE ISN'T SEEING THIS!
I'M RIGHT...
...HERE?
...MAYBE SHE CAN'T USE THAT LASSO THING ON THIS THING? THIS NEW THING?
IS SHE SAYING SOMETHING? I CAN'T MAKE IT OUT.
WONDER WOMAN.
BARBARA?

GATEWAY CITY BOARDWALK.
NOW.
THE KRAKEN
WHAT DID YOU DO?
JUST SOME MAGIC TO SLOW IT DOWN, BUY US TIME.
THE TETRACIDE IS VERY RESISTANT TO MAGIC. MY MOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE, BUT ALAS, WE HAVE ONLY ME.
BEFORE YOU LEAVE--AND YOU SHOULD ALL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY-- IT'S IMPORTANT I TELL YOU HOW THE TETRACIDE KILLS, SO YOU MAY HAVE ANY HOPE OF FIGHTING IT AFTER IT HAS KILLED ME.
KILLED YOU?!
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE SERIOUS I CAN BE ABOUT THIS SITUATION. PLEASE LISTEN.
TETRACIDE-- IT MEANS, QUITE LITERALLY, "THE FOUR-KILLER." IT KILLS IN FOUR WAYS.
DEATH OF FEAR.
DEATH OF MIND.
DEATH OF BODY.
DEATH OF SOUL.
DEATH OF FEAR DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD.
AND THAT IS WHERE YOU WOULD BE WRONG, SOLDIER. THAT IS OUR GREATEST DANGER, GIVEN THAT IT HAS EMERGED IN A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA.

"BECAUSE WHAT THE TETRACIDE MEANS BY 'DEATH OF FEAR' IS THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER CAPABLE OF FEELING FEAR WHEN YOU SEE IT, AND YOU ARE INSTEAD DRAWN TO IT.
"VERY SOON, THE TETRACIDE WILL BEGIN TO EMANATE A SOUND. IT WILL BE LOUD AND SHARP. IT WILL TRAVEL FOR MILES.
"AND WHEN PEOPLE HEAR THAT SOUND, THEY WILL BE DRAWN TO IT. LIKE...BEES TO HONEY.
"THEY WILL DO ANYTHING TO BE WITH THE SOUND. THEY WILL WALK RIGHT INTO THE TETRACIDE'S JAWS, WHERE ONE DIES IN AGONY--A DEATH OF MIND, BODY, AND SOUL.
"AND THE DEATH OF SOUL...I DON'T WANT TO BE DRAMATIC, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CRUSHED TO DEATH IN THE RACE TO THE TETRACIDE'S MAW...WILL BE THE LUCKY ONES."
LORD.
YES.
AND FOR ANYONE WHO MANAGES TO SURVIVE THE SOUND--TOUCHING THE TETRACIDE WILL BEGIN TO DESTROY YOUR MIND, MAKING YOU INCAPABLE OF RESISTING. DEATH OF BODY QUICKLY FOLLOWS, AS IT...INGESTS YOU.
AND DEATH OF SOUL IS...WELL, THAT EXPLAINS ITSELF, DOES IT NOT?
SO PLEASE, FOR THE LOVE OF HERA, LEAVE THIS PLACE. RUN IF YOU CAN.
DIANA, WAIT!
STEVE. PLEASE. DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE. I CANNOT HELP THEM ONCE THAT SOUND BEGINS...AND IT WILL BEGIN VERY SOON.


PEGASUS. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. ATTACK WITH HELLFIRE IF YOU CAN, BUT STAY OUT OF REACH.
SNORT
NEIGH
I KNOW. BUT IT LAYS ONE TENTACLE ON YOU AND THAT'S IT.
AND I AM QUITE SURE ZEUS WILL MAKE CERTAIN YOU ARE NOT RESURRECTED AGAIN, MY FRIEND.
NEIGH
TETRACIDE. I WISH YOU NO ILL WILL. I ONLY SEEK TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE, THIS CITY, THIS WORLD.
I WILL GIVE YOU THE OFFER I GAVE TO THE PRIME HARBINGER. LEAVE NOW AND NEVER RETURN, OR DIE, HARD AND PAINFUL, BY MY HAND.
KRAKOOM
MOOO


SO BE IT.
HNNNG!
SQUUUCK
SKREEEE

FWOOM
SKREEEEEEEEEE
SLUICE
SKREEEEEEEEEE
ΈΧΠΙΣΤΟΣ ΦΙΛΟΣ.

STRIKE TRUE, MY FRIEND.
SLICE
SLICE
CHOP
NO!

# ABSOLUTE WONDER WOMAN

## THE LAST AMAZON

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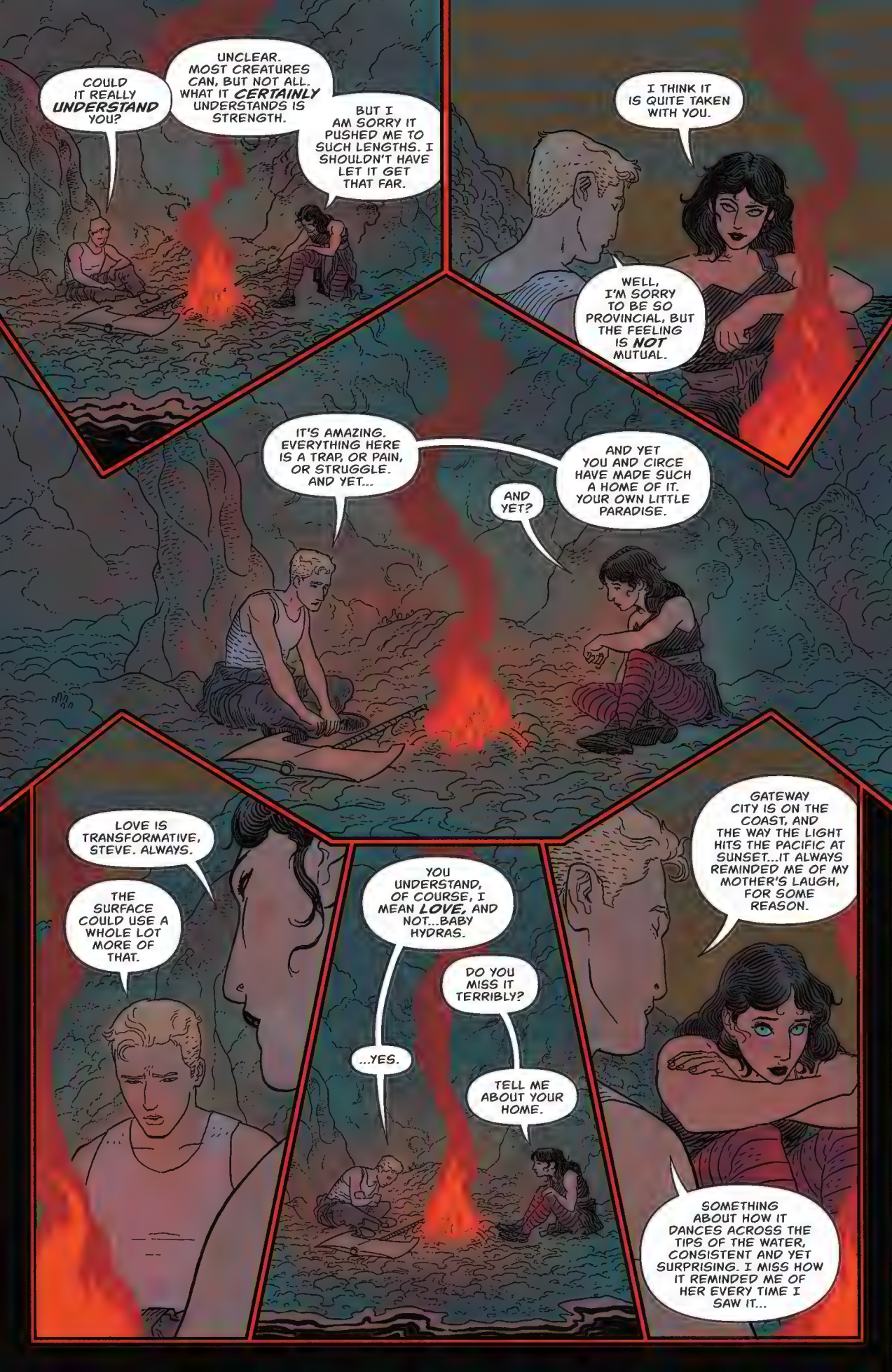
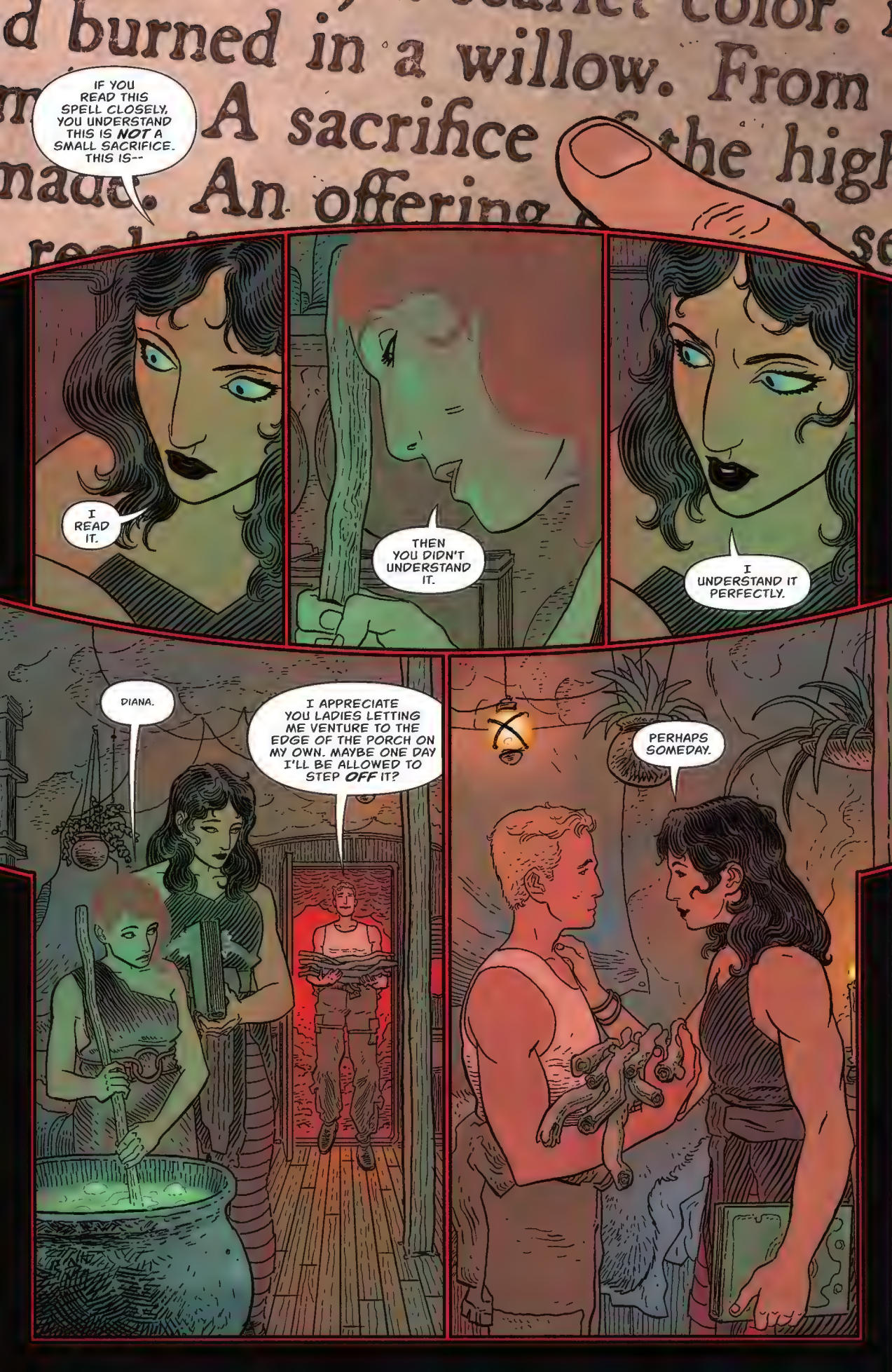
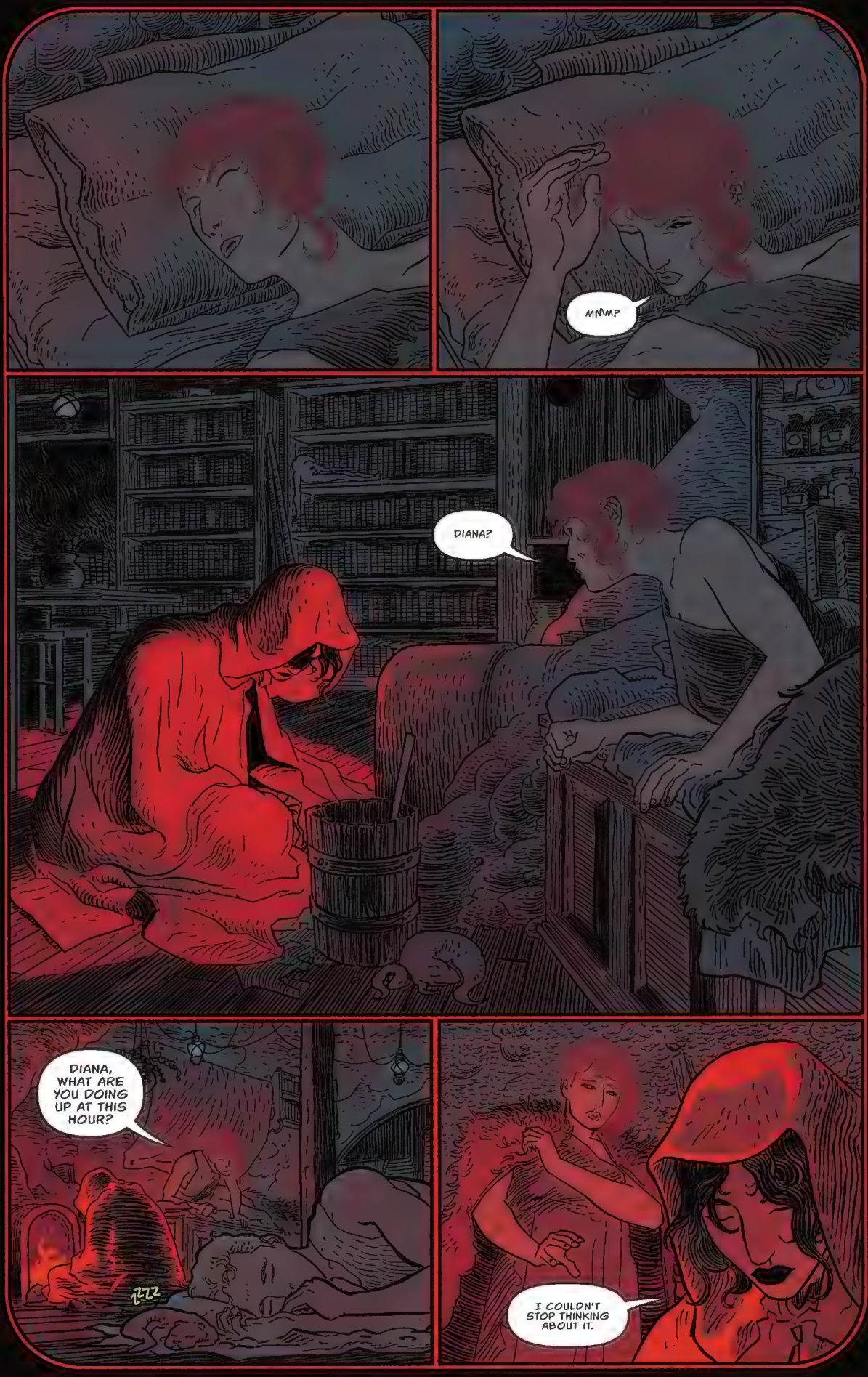
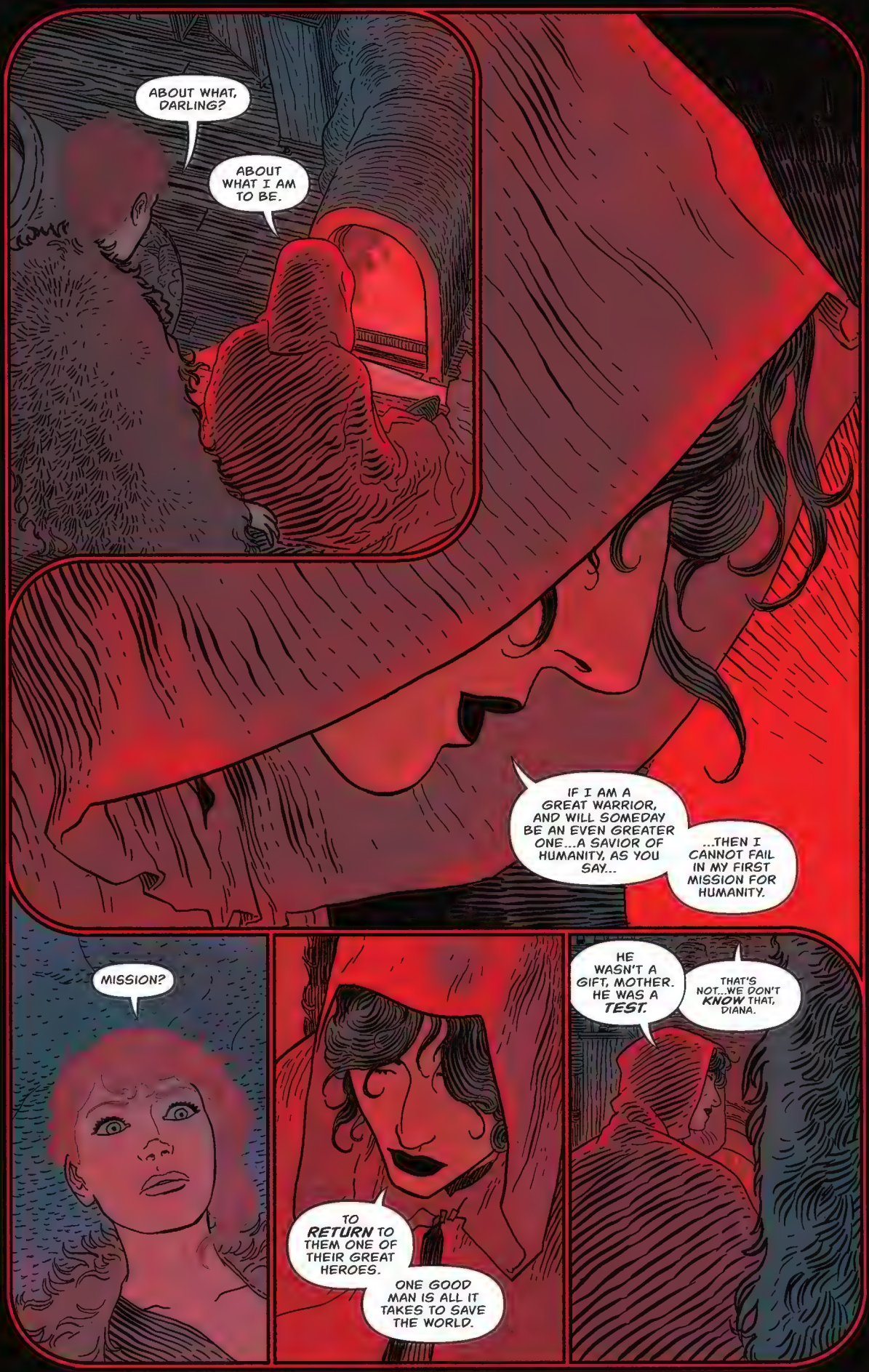
THEN.
THE WILD ISLE, HELL.
AH! NOW, STEVE!
HNNG!
CHOP
REEEE

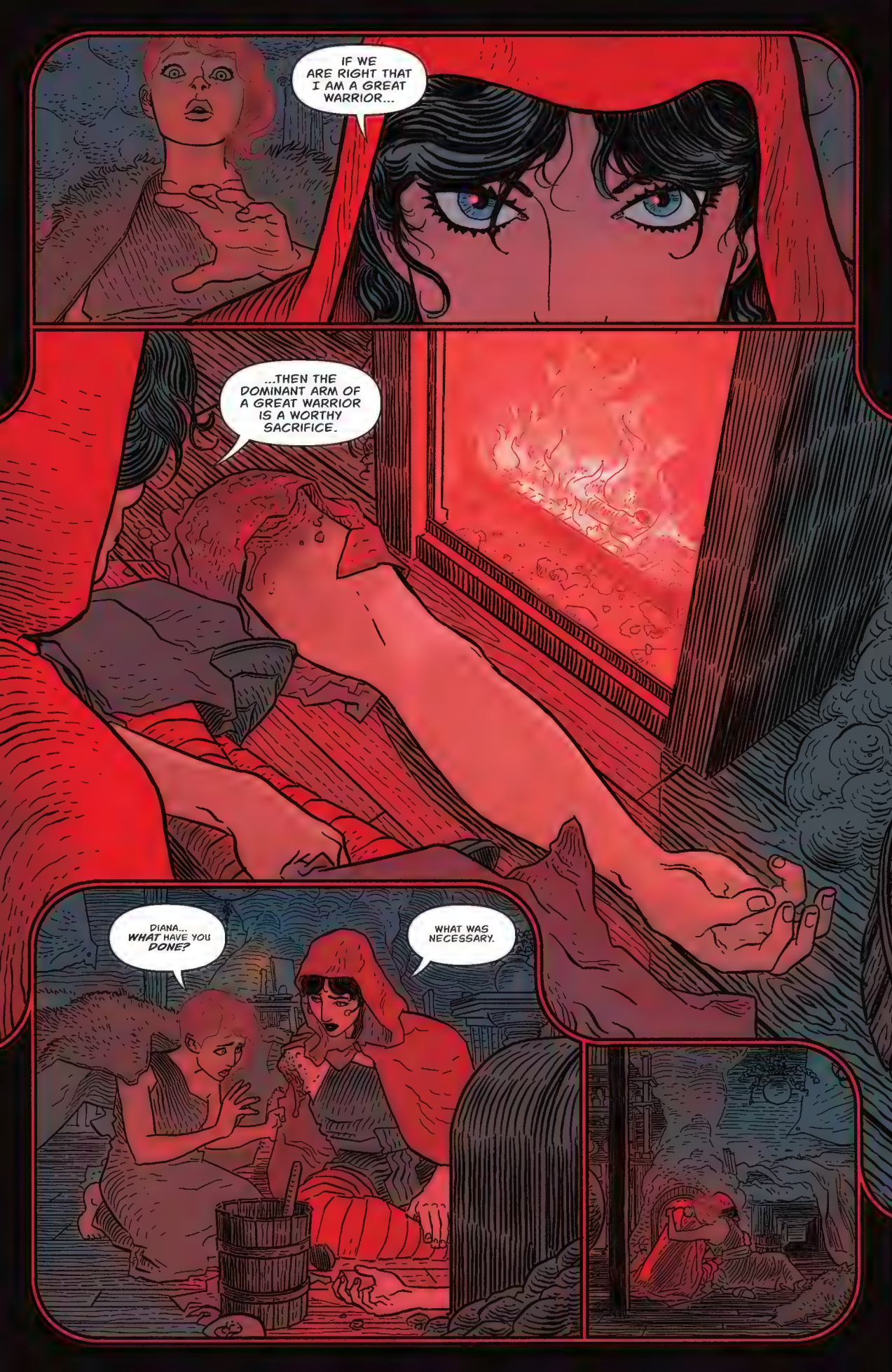

COULD IT REALLY UNDERSTAND YOU?
UNCLEAR. MOST CREATURES CAN, BUT NOT ALL. WHAT IT CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDS IS STRENGTH.
BUT I AM SORRY IT PUSHED ME TO SUCH LENGTHS. I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET IT GET THAT FAR.
I THINK IT IS QUITE TAKEN WITH YOU.
WELL, I'M SORRY TO BE SO PROVINCIAL, BUT THE FEELING IS NOT MUTUAL.
IT'S AMAZING. EVERYTHING HERE IS A TRAP, OR PAIN, OR STRUGGLE. AND YET...
AND YET YOU AND CIRCE HAVE MADE SUCH A HOME OF IT. YOUR OWN LITTLE PARADISE.
AND YET?
LOVE IS TRANSFORMATIVE, STEVE. ALWAYS.
THE SURFACE COULD USE A WHOLE LOT MORE OF THAT.
YOU UNDERSTAND, OF COURSE, I MEAN LOVE, AND NOT...BABY HYDRAS.
DO YOU MISS IT TERRIBLY?
...YES.
TELL ME ABOUT YOUR HOME.
GATEWAY CITY IS ON THE COAST, AND THE WAY THE LIGHT HITS THE PACIFIC AT SUNSET...IT ALWAYS REMINDED ME OF MY MOTHER'S LAUGH, FOR SOME REASON.
SOMETHING ABOUT HOW IT DANCES ACROSS THE TIPS OF THE WATER, CONSISTENT AND YET SURPRISING. I MISS HOW IT REMINDED ME OF HER EVERY TIME I SAW IT...

FOMP
STEVEN. WOULD YOU MIND GRABBING SOME FIREWOOD FROM THE PILE BY THE DOOR?
NO PROBLEM.
I FOUND IT, MOTHER. THE WAY TO SEND STEVE HOME. THIS SPELL.
NO, DIANA. NO. THAT IS NOT THE WAY.
IT IS.
NO. LOOK--


d burned in a willow. From
A sacrifice
IF YOU READ THIS SPELL CLOSELY, YOU UNDERSTAND THIS IS NOT A SMALL SACRIFICE. THIS IS--
I READ IT.
THEN YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND IT.
I UNDERSTAND IT PERFECTLY.
DIANA.
I APPRECIATE YOU LADIES LETTING ME VENTURE TO THE EDGE OF THE PORCH ON MY OWN. MAYBE ONE DAY I'LL BE ALLOWED TO STEP OFF IT?
PERHAPS SOMEDAY.


MNM?
DIANA?
DIANA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP AT THIS HOUR?
ZZZ
I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.


ABOUT WHAT, DARLING?
ABOUT WHAT I AM TO BE.
IF I AM A GREAT WARRIOR, AND WILL SOMEDAY BE AN EVEN GREATER ONE...A SAVIOR OF HUMANITY, AS YOU SAY...
...THEN I CANNOT FAIL IN MY FIRST MISSION FOR HUMANITY.
MISSION?
TO *RETURN* TO THEM ONE OF THEIR GREAT HEROES.
ONE GOOD MAN IS ALL IT TAKES TO SAVE THE WORLD.
HE WASN'T A GIFT, MOTHER. HE WAS A *TEST.*
THAT'S NOT...WE DON'T *KNOW* THAT, DIANA.

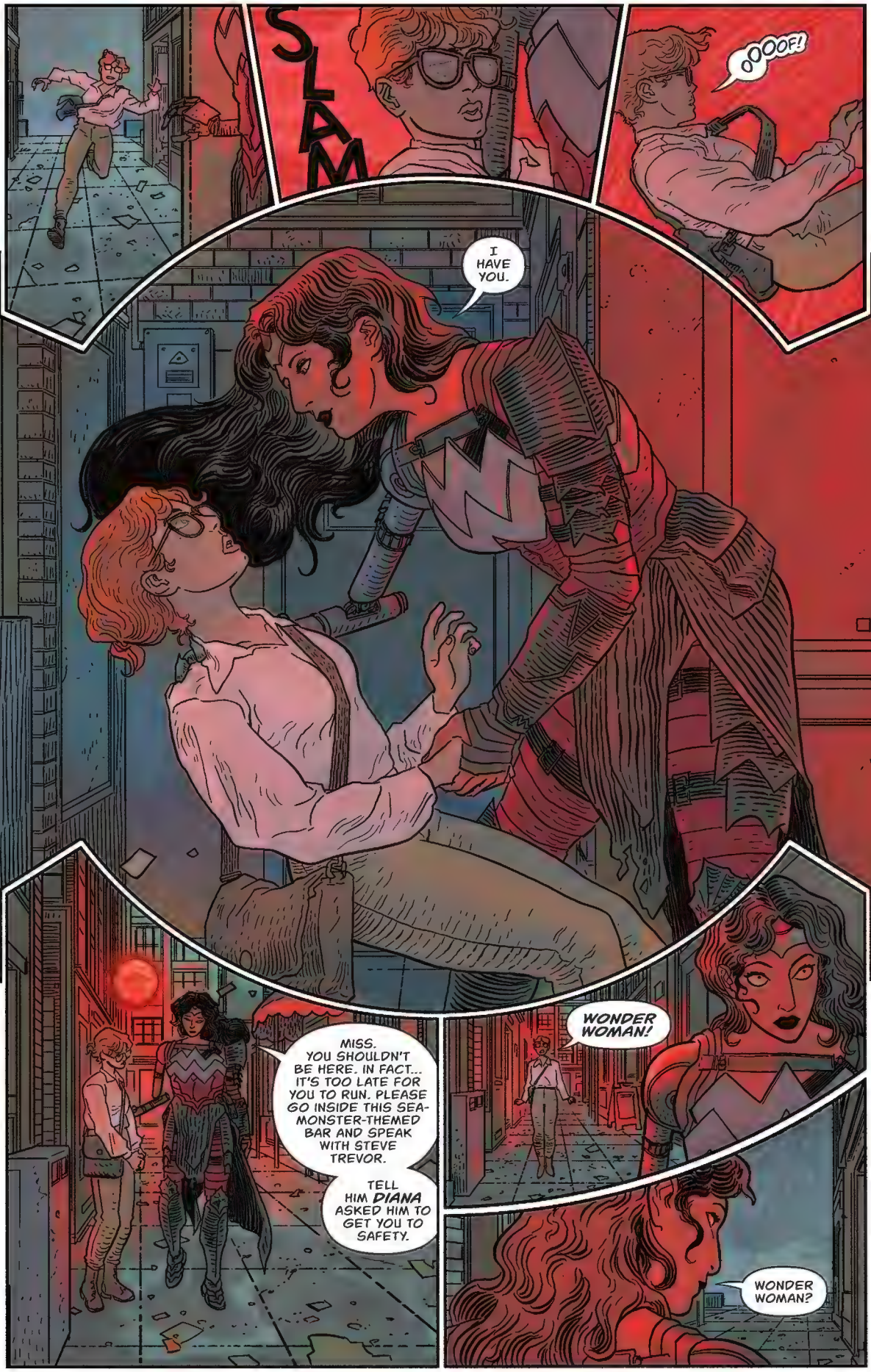

IF WE ARE RIGHT THAT I AM A GREAT WARRIOR...
...THEN THE DOMINANT ARM OF A GREAT WARRIOR IS A WORTHY SACRIFICE.
DIANA... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
WHAT WAS NECESSARY.

I HAD KNOWN FOR A VERY LONG TIME THAT SHE WAS EXCEPTIONAL.
BUT EVEN STILL, I HAD UNDERESTIMATED HER.
HER CAPACITY FOR LOVE.
DIANA?
HER CAPACITY FOR PAIN.
HER CAPACITY FOR SACRIFICE.
DIANA!
HER CAPACITY FOR HONOR.
THIS CHILD WOULD CHANGE THE WORLD.
I HAD FORESEEN IT IN MY SCRYING POOL, BUT NOW I WAS SEEING IT LIVE, IN FRONT OF ME, LIVING AND BREATHING.
I'M SORRY YOU DIDN'T GET TO SAY GOODBYE.
I WILL SEE HIM AGAIN.
IT WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN I EVER COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

ARRRGHHHH!
GATEWAY CITY. NOW.
KRKKL

ARE-- ARE YOU OKAY?
...I'M FINE.
B-BUT YOUR ARM. IT TOOK YOUR ARM?!
I LOST MY ARM LONG AGO. IN ITS PLACE IS A MAGIC ARM MY MOTHER AND I MADE.
I CAN GET IT BACK, BUT IT WILL TAKE COMPLICATED MAGIC.
WAS ANYTHING FROM MY EARLIER SPEECH ABOUT THIS DANGER UNCLEAR, JACOBY?
YOU HAVE TO MOVE YOUR PEOPLE. NOW.
SHFFFF
...DIANA.
CLICK

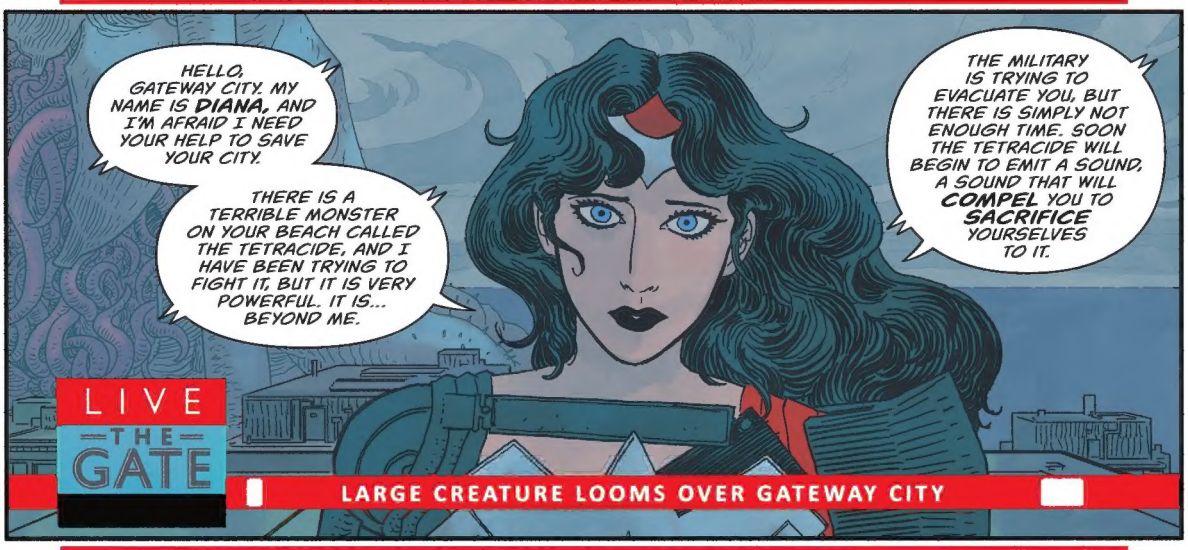
THIS IS HOW YOU GOT ME OUT.
YOU GAVE THEM A HERO'S ARM.
I BELIEVE I CALLED IT A WARRIOR'S ARM.
I THINK I GOT CLOSER.
IT WAS MORE THAN WORTH IT.
THE REST OF YOU...THE SOUND IS ALREADY BEGINNING--I COULD FEEL THE RUMBLING ON THE BEACH. YOU MUST MOVE NOW, OR THE NEXT TIME I SEE YOU, YOU WILL BE CLIMBING OVER EACH OTHER SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE DEVOURED.
FOR THE LOVE OF HECATE, MOVE FASTER!
I KNOW. IT'S WHY YOU WERE WORTHY OF SAVING IN THE FIRST PLACE.
BUT IT WILL BE ALL FOR NAUGHT IF YOU DIE ON THAT BEACH TODAY.
PLEASE LISTEN TO ME AND GO.
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU HERE ALONE, DIANA.


SLAM
OOOOF!
I HAVE YOU.
MISS. YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE. IN FACT... IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TO RUN. PLEASE GO INSIDE THIS SEA-MONSTER-THEMED BAR AND SPEAK WITH STEVE TREVOR.
TELL HIM DIANA ASKED HIM TO GET YOU TO SAFETY.
WONDER WOMAN!
WONDER WOMAN?

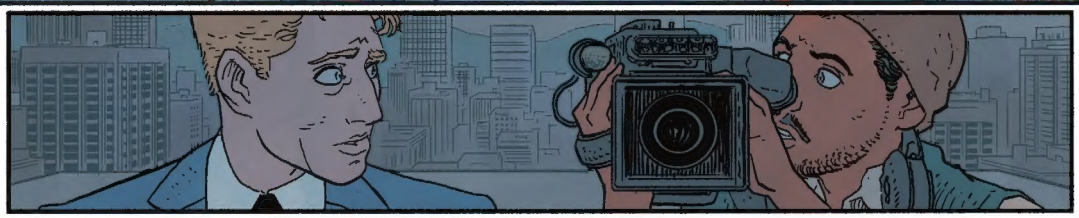
THE AMAZONS... IT'S WHAT THEY WOULD CALL THEIR CHAMPION... THE ABSOLUTE BEST OF THEM.
YOU ARE ONE... RIGHT? AN AMAZON?
YOU KNOW OF THE AMAZONS?
I WROTE MY DISSERTATION ON THE MYTH OF THE AMAZONS...IT'S, UH-- MY PRIMARY FIELD OF STUDY.
MYTH?
SCKEEEEEECH
WELL, NOT TO ME. OR...UH, I'M GUESSING, YOU.
I MUST GO.
WE WILL SPEAK ON THIS MORE...
BARBARA. BARBARA MINERVA.
AND I AM DIANA.
I'M IN THE BOOK!
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, BUT I WILL FIND OUT.
SCKEEEEEEEEECH

THIS IS FUTILE.
I WILL BREAK UPON THE TETRACIDE AND DIE, LEAVING NO ONE LEFT TO FIGHT FOR THESE PEOPLE.
AND ONCE THE SOUND BEGINS THEY WILL LITERALLY CRUSH ONE ANOTHER IN THEIR RUSH TO EMBRACE HORRIFIC ENDS AT ANY COST.
BUT I SEE NO OTHER PATH.
IT MUST BE THE SWORD, THE LASSO, SOMETHING SOLID... AS MY MAGIC ALONE IS NO MATCH FOR THE TETRACIDE WITH ITS HIDE SO THICK.
UNLESS...
...YES. THAT COULD WORK. BUT I WOULD NEED TO STRENGTHEN IT. NO, NOT STRENGTHEN... WIDEN.
A THOUSAND-FOLD? YES, YES, I THINK THAT WOULD DO IT.
THE MILITARY HAS CALLED FOR A FULL EVACUATION OF THE CITY, BUT OF COURSE THAT IS EASIER SAID THAN--
--OH $#@%.
GENTLEMEN, I'M GOING TO NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE.
LIVE THE GATE
LARGE CREATURE LOOMS OVER GATEWAY CITY

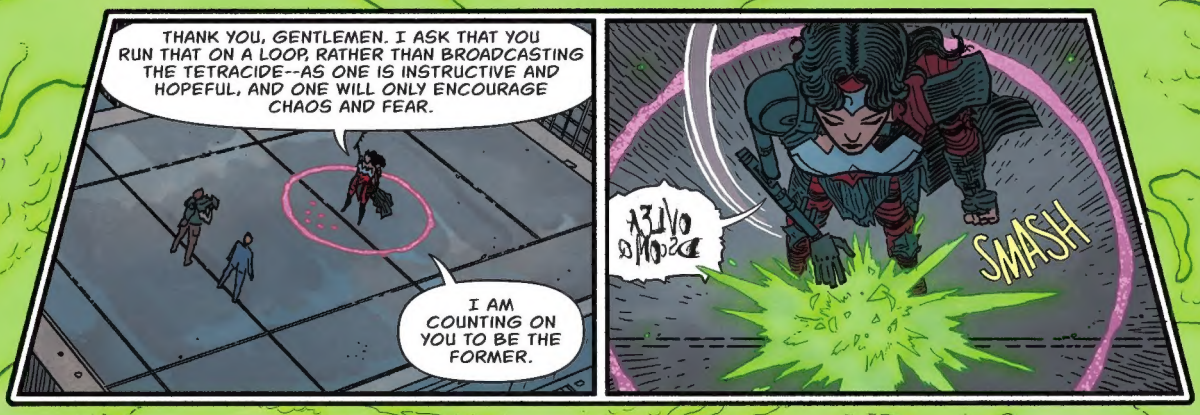
THIS IS NOT FOR RECORDING, GENTLEMEN.
...CAN I... CAN I ASK WHY?
OF COURSE. IT IS MOSTLY BECAUSE I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO BE AFRAID. AND NEW THINGS ARE OFTEN SCARY. A FRIGHTENED POPULACE WILL SERVE NO ONE NOW.
THE OTHER REASON IS BECAUSE MAGIC IS SACRED, AND NOT EVERYONE HAS EARNED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO WIELD IT.
THAT, UH...THAT WAS A PRETTY GOOD ANSWER.
IT REALLY WAS.


HELLO, GATEWAY CITY. MY NAME IS DIANA, AND I'M AFRAID I NEED YOUR HELP TO SAVE YOUR CITY.
THERE IS A TERRIBLE MONSTER ON YOUR BEACH CALLED THE TETRACIDE, AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIGHT IT, BUT IT IS VERY POWERFUL. IT IS... BEYOND ME.
THE MILITARY IS TRYING TO EVACUATE YOU, BUT THERE IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH TIME. SOON THE TETRACIDE WILL BEGIN TO EMIT A SOUND, A SOUND THAT WILL COMPEL YOU TO SACRIFICE YOURSELVES TO IT.
LIVE THE GATE
LARGE CREATURE LOOMS OVER GATEWAY CITY

THIS WILL BE DIFFICULT TO HEAR, TO UNDERSTAND. BUT...
...TO SAVE YOU FROM THIS FATE, I AM GOING TO BRIEFLY MAKE ALL OF YOU DEAF, THE ENTIRE CITY.
LIVE THE GATE
LARGE CREATURE LOOMS OVER GATEWAY CITY



MANY OF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ME, BUT I ASSURE YOU... YOU'RE ABOUT TO BECOME BELIEVERS.
PANIC, AND THE CHAOS THAT BRINGS, WILL NOW BE ALMOST AS DEADLY AS THE TETRACIDE ITSELF.
AND SO I NEED YOU TO BE CALM. I NEED YOU, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU THAT ARE HEARING THIS MESSAGE NOW, TO HELP YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. KINDNESS AND COMPASSION ARE ALL THAT WILL SAVE US NOW.
I CAME HERE TO SAVE YOUR CITY, BUT TODAY, IT SEEMS, IT WILL BE UP TO EACH OF YOU TO SAVE YOUR CITY INSTEAD.
I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT.
WONDER WOMAN BELIEVES IN YOU.


THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN. I ASK THAT YOU RUN THAT ON A LOOP, RATHER THAN BROADCASTING THE TETRACIDE--AS ONE IS INSTRUCTIVE AND HOPEFUL, AND ONE WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE CHAOS AND FEAR.
I AM COUNTING ON YOU TO BE THE FORMER.
SMASH

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## INTERVIEW WITH JEREMY ADAMS

The king is back, baby! *Aquaman* stars in an all-new solo series as part of DC's All In initiative, from writer Jeremy Adams and artist John Timms. Here's word direct from Adams on why this isn't Aquaman business as usual.

**Where do we find Aquaman at the start of this series?**

Post Absolute Power, Atlantis is in disarray, so Arthur has reassumed his role as king in order to get the Atlantean house in order. On top of that, he's switched certain powers with Mera, giving him the ability to manipulate water, which...he doesn't really have the hang of...yet!

**What kind of role do Mera and Jackson Hyde play in this series? Do we meet any new allies?**

I can't really answer about Mera and Jackson... they do appear in issue one, and then after that...well...

As far as *other* allies. There will be many new and old characters that might appear as Arthur goes through the Blue.

**What can you share about the threats Aquaman will face, and how will they change his status quo?**

In our first issue we'll see him face off with a water kaiju, but that isn't going to be the worst of it. Water kaiju, mermaids, pirates...it's going to be wild.

**How is collaborating with John Timms on charting Aquaman's new journey forward?**

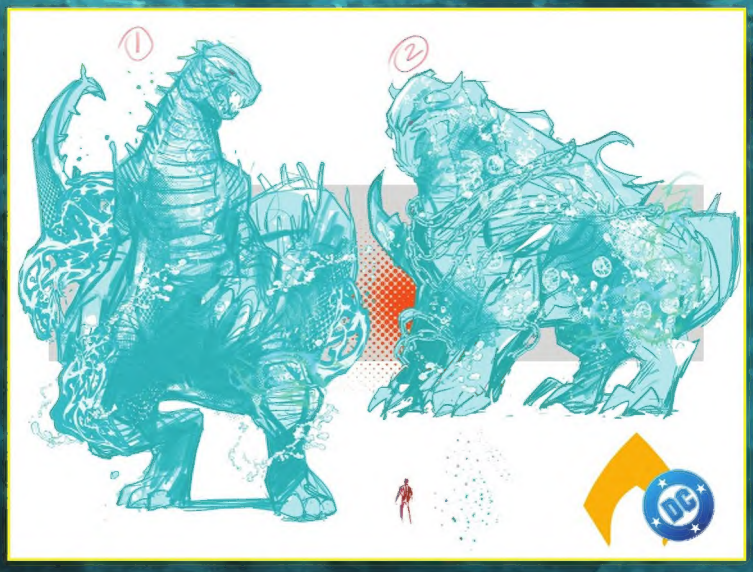
John seems to be the nicest person ever, and with his talent at the level that it is, I have become *extremely jealous* of his very existence. I want him to have fun in this book, so I'm always asking if there's something he wants to do or draw, and I hope we get a *long* run together with the King of Atlantis.

**What can fans expect with Aquaman's new powers?**

They can expect the unexpected. Hydrokinesis is just the start of a journey that will have long-lasting ramifications.

**Which past takes on Aquaman were influential to your take on the character and his mythology?**

It's strange, Aquaman has had a variety of continuities and changes, and all of them have created his incredible character that patrols the waters of Earth...but that's going to change. We're embarking on a new mythology...taking him far, far away from what he and everyone else know.



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